



FUTURE DIRECTION

In 2001, CALFED agencies will continue to be involved in a vast number of projects in all Program areas. Although funding continues to be a challenge, many activities and projects are well under way as indicated throughout the annual report.

Key project activities that are anticipated in 2001 include:

- Implement grant funding for water conservation, recycling, groundwater storage, source water quality, water treatment, ecosystem restoration, and watershed projects.
- Start construction on the Tracy Fish Test Facility.
- Complete environmental documentation for the South Delta Improvements Project.
- Establish the Water Transfer Information Clearinghouse.
- Acquire second year assets for the Environmental Water Account (EWA).
- Establish a scientific overview board for the CALFED Program, and a scientific panel to evaluate the EWA.
- Initiate evaluation of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion and Upper San Joaquin River surface storage projects in partnership with local interests.
- Refine quantifiable objectives for agricultural water use efficiency, and a certification process for Best Management Practices (BMPs) in urban areas.

Support from the state and federal governments is a critical part of the Program. The CALFED agencies will continue to work with Congress and the State Legislature to coordinate the federal and state budget proposals for the second and third years including:

- Refinement of Program cost estimates for future years.
- Refinement of cost-sharing estimates and funding sources.
- Development of a state and federal cost sharing agreement.

